of the water hyacinth as cattle-feed is not available.

(c) No, Sir. Biological control of this weed is essential in water ways, irrigation channels, tanks etc. that have been blocked completely by the water hyacinth. These areas could have been otherwise beneficially used for fisheries, irrigation, navigation etc.

(d) A senior officer of the Indian Council of Agricultural research is normally on the boards of management/Executive Councils of State Agricultural Universities and of ICAR Regional Committees. Holding of workshops of coordinated projects periodically and of ICAR Regional Committees annually ensures required coordination between ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities.

Prices of garlic

1308. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that garlic which was sold at fantastically high prices last year in various *mandis* has gone abegging this year and has no buyers even at ten to five per cent of the last year's prices;

(b) what is Government's estimate about the garlic yield in different States last year and this year; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and State agencies to help the growers of garlic to obtain a fair price for their produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The garlic prices in 1986-87 were abnormally higher due to lower production in 1985-86. Though the prices during the current year are lower than the last year, these prices are still higher as compared to normal years.

(b) The production of garlic in major States during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below:

State	('000 tonnes) 1985-86	1986-87
1. Bihar	5.0	5.7
2. Gujarat	15.8	13.4
3. Haryana	8.4	10.4
4. Madhya Pradesh	40.7	58.0
5. Maharashtra	25.5	29.6
6. Orissa	66.4	56.5
7. Uttar Pradesh	12.6	19.9
Others	15.2	12.5
ALL-INDIA	189.6	206.0

Similar estimates for 1987-88 are not yet available from all the States.

(c) Since the ruling market prices are at present reasonably at higher levels, there does not seem to be any need for market intervention.

Propagation and promotion of Sanskrit language

1309. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of media programme which have been and are likely to be introduced on All India Radio and Doordarshan to propagate and promote the use of Sanskrit language as an integrating force for strengthening national unity and solidarity?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): All India Radio and Doordarshan do not introduce broadcast/telecast in languages with a view to propagating/promoting languages. Broadcasts in languages are made to serve the communication needs of listeners. Several stations of All India Radio broadcast programmes in Sanskrit to acquaint the listeners with the rich heritages and noble sentiments embodied